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MBA alumni defeat BGA

by John Koon
and George Adams

writers

On Thursday, February 15, in a fitting climax to a week of all-star basketball, the MBA "Big Red" Alumni hosted the "Wildcat" Alumni from BGA in a friendly, competitive basketball game. The Big Red, captained by Reed Tickett, featured four faculty members, past and present (Tom Moore, David Pack, Joe Thoni, and Ricky Bowers), while BGA's equal was headlined by All-SEC player, Barry Booker, and a clone to ex-UT super white hog, Doug Roth.

The Big Red started fast, hitting their first five three-pointers and nine in the first half, but BGA, hitting seven

of their own, held MBA's lead to six, 52-46, at half-time.

The half-time show featured two YMCA teams, pitting coaches Todd Foust and David Mason against crippled class-mate Drew Healy's team. After a neck-to-neck game, Healy's team snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with a half-court heave at the buzzer.

Early in the second half, Booker ignited a 10-0 BGA run with consecutive 3-pointers, putting the Wildcats up 63-56, but MBA made a brilliant 14-1 run of its own, highlighted by T. Moore's flawless execution of the old "shove the defender and feign innocence" play, causing the

victim to be tagged with a technical foul. Down the stretch, Barry Booker's 17 fourth quarter points were overcome by Big Red teamwork led by the brilliance of Ricky Bowers, who finished with thirty-five. After 67 fouls and 99 free throws, the Big Red had won, 100-98.

Barry Booker, finishing with 41 points, was selected MVP for BGA, while Ricky Bowers won the honor for the victors. Other Big Red All-Stars selected were Reed Tickett, Frank Garrison, and Robert Holland. Surprisingly left out were crowd favorites David Pack, who went 0-for-3 Thursday from 3-point land; and Joe Thoni, who hit two free throws.

Jack Massey dies

by Alex Rogers

staff reporter

Mr. Jack Carroll Massey, friend and contributor to MBA, passed away February 15, 1990.

At MBA, it is generally known that the junior school Massey building is named in Mr. Massey's honor; however, the other exploits of this extraordinary man are not as well known.

Of his many accomplishments, the one that gave him national recognition was the fact that he is the only man ever to have brought three companies to the New York Stock Exchange - Kentucky Fried Chicken Corp., Hospital Corporation of America, and Winners Corp., now Volunteer Capitol Corp. He served, at one time or another, as chairman of the board for each of these companies. For this accomplishment, he was inducted in 1987 into the National Business Hall of Fame along with such notables as Henry Ford, J.C.

Penny, John D. Rockefeller, and Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Mr. Massey was a patron of the arts and higher education and proved it by donating large sums of money to Belmont College which named its business school after him, and by being the first chairman of the Tennessee Performing Arts Foundation.

Other beneficiaries of his generosity include the Tennessee Botanical Gardens, the Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood, the Vanderbilt University School of Law, the United Way, and the Planned Parenthood of both Palm Beach and Nashville. The front gardens of the Blair House and the presidential guest house in Washington, D.C., were donated by Mr. Massey.

Many people will sadly note the passing of this exceptional and generous man, and not the least of his mourners will be the students and faculty of MBA.

ACADEMIC NEWS

Winter Totomoi tapping

by David Lott

Copy Editor

Totomoi is MBA's honorary fraternity for recognizing outstanding contributors to the school from the student body, faculty, and community.

The student body members prior to this winter's Tapping were seniors Devraj

Basu, Matt Fisher, Renard Francois, and Alden Smith.

Now, the following seniors have also been inducted: Scott Burrow, Billy Crawford, Kevin Kruse, David Lott, and Simon Westlake.

There will be another Tapping this spring, in which Juniors may also be inducted.

Junior Honor Society inducts twelve

by Lawrence Vranka

staff reporter

The Montgomery Bell Academy Junior Honor Society recognizes the outstanding eighth, ninth, and tenth grade students of the school. In order to be considered for membership, a student must have three consecutive semester averages of at least 90.

Members before this month's inductions were: John Arendale, Joseph Cummings, Seth Robertson, Andrew Vahrenkamp, John Wesley, Jackson Wray, and David Wyckoff.

The new members are Ron Cantrell, Keith Claverie, Scott Hande, Taylor Harris, Garrett Kyle, Kavendra Paruchuri, Alex Rogers, Brett Sanders, Behdad Shahsavari, Alan Sundell, Charlie Thombs, and Stephen Ward.

Debate team update

by Babu Paruchuri

staff reporter

The MBA Debate Team, in this second semester, has demonstrated its domination of regional competition by its performances in such tournaments as Alabama, Vestavia, Hume-Fogg, and Goodpasture.

At the University of Alabama, the Hall of Fame Debate Tournament was held. The team of Eugene Park and Jonathan Reeve thoroughly dominated the varsity division as they went 5-1 in preliminaries and eventually swept through elimination rounds to a first place finish. Rob Howell garnered second place speaker in an impressive showing as a first year varsity while Eugene Park was awarded second place. In the novice division, Behdad Shahsavari and Suresh Gun-

asukeran again claimed first place in the novice division while their teammates Breen "Cicero" Frazier and Sachin "Bones" Vraikunth reached the semifinals of the tournament. Behdad received the outstanding novice speaker award, while Suresh claimed second place speaker. To celebrate the team's triumphs in Alabama, Pat "Clown" Jackson ran into a wall several times and performed a satanic dance for Mrs. Simmons. The following week at Emory, Renard Francois placed among the top twenty in the competitive Lincoln-Douglas field as he continued to prove himself one of the top ten Lincoln-Douglas debaters. It must also be noted that Renard competed at the prestigious Lincoln-Douglas Round Robin at the Southern

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Academic Decathlon team places fourth

by David Lott

Copy Editor

This year's MBA team at the annual competition was, in the Honor division, Devraj Basu, David Lott, and Eric Falk; in the Scholastic division, Rob Lentz, Kevin Kruse, and Mauro Mastrapasqua; and in the Varsity division, Hal Jones, Bill Sastry, and Sharpe Belote.

The team did come away with many individual medals, but the finish in the highly competitive Superquiz was rather disappointing. Over

all, MBA placed fourth.

This year was the first time the competition was held here on The Hill, and our inexperience showed. Despite the good planning for the day, problems were inevitable, as Dr. Paschall soon discovered.

Apparently the computer program used to grade each score card was not reading the cards very well. In the end, Dr. Paschall spent his entire weekend grading all the cards, of which there were about six hundred, by hand.

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NEWS

...Debate

Bell Forum.

At Vestavia Hills High School in Birmingham, Alabama, the squad brought home many wonderful challenges and plates. In the varsity division, Jonathan Reeve and Eugene Park dominated once again as they won all eight rounds in which they debated and claimed first place. The team of Will Gray and Babu Paruchuri took fifth place with a 4-1 preliminary record. The top three speaker awards were claimed by MBA debaters. First place speaker went to Jonathan Reeve; second place speaker to Babu Paruchuri; and third place speaker to Eugene Park. In the novice division, Behdad "we'll kill them" Shahsavari and Suresh Gunasakeran reached the semifinal round. The team of Breen Frazier and Sachin Vaikunth showed great improvement with their quarterfinal performance. Patrick Jackson and Flag "What am I doing?" Youngblood reached the elimination rounds of the tournament. The top speaker award was given to Breen Frazier while Behdad was forced to settle for second place speaker. Sachin Vaikunth also received sixth place speaker. In the Lincoln-Douglas division, Renard

Francois was third speaker and fifth overall in the competition. The team overall received first place in the debate sweepstakes and third place in forensic sweepstakes. At the district tournament, the team of Jonathan Reeve and Eugene Park placed first and earned the right to go to San Jose, California along with Renard Francois who was undefeated in Lincoln-Douglas competition. The team of Rob Howell and Babu Paruchuri placed third with a 4-1 record and one forfeit to their teammates, Jonathan and Eugene.

At Goodpasture, another monumental tournament, the team of Rob Howell and John Wesley placed second while the team of Jonathan Reeve and Eugene Park gracefully forfeited to their sophomore teammates in the semifinals.

At Hume-Fogg, the most recent test of local prowess, the team of Renard Francois and Eugene Park continuously embarrassed intellectual giants such as USN, Hunters Lane, and Kirby High School in their First place finish. Renard, in his first cross-examination debate tournament, received sixth place speaker while Eugene Park grabbed first place speaker. In the novice division, the team of Suresh Gunasakeran and Sachin

"Bones" Vaikunth took fifth place, and Suresh received second place speaker. When the novice team asked Mr. Tate the reason for their disappointing finish, he wisely stated, "Multa ceciderunt ut altius surgerent" and asked, "Did you eat your bar-b-q?"

As the team prepares for States, the Tournament of Champions, Nationals, and the Novice Round Robin, Bill Sastry predicts with his prophesying powers "happiness and success for those who use my sacred SDI files."

The Bell Ringer would like to make a formal apology to Mr. Lanier, who was unfortunately misquoted in issue number five as saying that exams before Christmas would provide English teachers with more time to grade them and thus to give the students lower grades. We apologize to him for any sort of unnecessary inconveniences or enmities the misquote may have caused.

-ed.

Harpeth Hall drama: Night Watch

by Shade Murray
reporter

Throughout the weekend of March 9-11, audiences gathered at Harpeth Hall to play armchair detective during the Harpeth Hall Playmakers' performance of Lucille Fletcher's *Night Watch*.

The show starred Julia Sutherland as Elaine Wheeler, a woman who seems to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown when she thinks she sees two dead bodies in an abandoned tenement across from her luxurious townhouse. The two policemen who are sent to investigate (Kim Warren and Brentwood's Jack Boone) are only able to find the big green wing chair Elaine said she saw one of the bodies in, but no evidence of any body, dead or alive, in the building. Suspense builds as the audience meets the suspects. There is Elaine's husband John (MBA's John Lamb), who seems to be too anxious to send Elaine off to an insane asylum in Switzerland. Next, there is Elaine's best friend Blanche (Anne Prosser), who is suspected of having an affair with John. There are also Helga (Mary Davie), the blackmailing maid; Dr. Lake

(Cari Yates), a possible phoney; and Appleby (Brentwood's Matt Southworth), a gay neighbor who seems to know more than he should.

Later on, even a man who fits Elaine's description of one of the corpses (MBA's Shade Murray), stops by for a visit. The ending of the play surprised the whole audience—Elaine, suspecting her husband's infidelity, fakes her own breakdown in order to kill John and Blanche in the end without being suspected—but some complained that there were so many red herrings that it was impossible to guess who done it. Besides the plot twist, there were no negative comments.

The realistic set was designed by TPAC's head electrical engineer, Scott Leathers, and the costumes were designed by the cast and donated by Tennessee Repertory Theatre. The show was directed by Janette Klocks, with tremendous help from stage managers Kristen Matlis and Francis Smith.

For their next production, Harpeth Hall is planning to do a one-act play and/or some short scenes.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Nine Inch Nails and The Jesus and Mary Chain play at The Cannery

by Martin Keith
and Jim Haynes
Entertainment Editor

On February 23, The Jesus and Mary Chain and Nine Inch Nails ventured in Nashville to play at The Cannery. As for Nine Inch Nails, not many people have heard of them or their debut album *Pretty Hate Machine*. It is a solo project of Trent Reznor who creates harsh dance music of keyboards and thrashing guitars behind an aggressive beat. Basically I had pictured Reznor as an acid burn-out mixture of Donald Trump and Yahoo Serious. Instead, I was startled to find Reznor as an industrial punk with a skin-head drummer, a new-wave keyboardist, and punk guitarist with a full Red Hot Chili Pepper mohawk.

Nine Inch Nails chanted through "Terrible Lie" (the opening song), "Sin", "Down In It", and "Head like a Hole". Most of the songs were from their debut album, but they did play some new material. Backstage, I was able to talk with Reznor after the concert. I found out that the entire band was only given a mere \$750 for their performance for over 1500 people and, unlike most

Nashvillians, Reznor cannot stand REM and the B-52's. Although Nine Inch Nails had loaded their skin and clothes with corn starch (maybe it's best not to ask why), I left very satisfied.

The Jesus and Mary Chain, soon after the Nine Inch Nails performed, went into their own creation of dance music behind shards of guitar feedback and an infatuation with 60's psychedelia. Most of the songs were in support of their latest album *Automatic* in which the majority of the songs were performed by Jim and William Reid with the help of a drummer and bassist. However, they did play classic songs like "April Skies" and "Down on Me" (from *Darklands*) and as an encore "Surf City" (from *Psychocandy*). The light show that went with the concert was equally impressive; the band was in a constant silhouette behind blinding colors and strobe lights that seemed to rival the guitar feedback in intensity.

Both bands showed much more energy and creativity in their performances than the Top 40 wonders New Kids on the Block could ever dream of.



by Jim Haynes
Entertainment Editor

There isn't too much more entertaining than George Bush, with the exception of Dan Quayle of course. President Bush always seems to have a baffled expression on his face, pondering such deep thoughts at the Malta talks as "I wonder if the Cocker Spaniels like the White House?"

Although he is confused, Bush is more sensible than good old Ron Reagan. Ronny is a couple years behind the times (say... 1958). Just look what Ron did. He called for an escalation of nuclear arms when the Cold War was ending. He condemned the U.S.S.R. as "the Evil Empire of the East" (in the same stupid and inane way that MBA condemns Ryan) when Gorbachev was looking to the U.S. for help. Reagan bombed Libya for no other reason than that he could not get along with Khadafi (or is it Qadaffi, or Gadaffi, or

Xadaffi?). He invaded Grenada to stop Communism from rising in a country the size of a stamp. He denied any involvement in the Iran-Contra Affair when his fascism supported the activities.

As for Bush, what has he done?

He has spent \$8 billion against the drug war which is more pointless than Vietnam. In his campaign against drugs, he spent over \$10,000 to set up and bust a small time dealer in front of the White House as clumsily as possible. George was trying to show the ubiquity of drugs; however, the problem was that the dealer did not know where the White House was, since no one deals there.

This flag burning amendment is a big waste of the taxpayers' money. Bush is proposing an amendment that he knows will be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. How silly.

Bush Is God

Why did Bush invade Panama? To capture a dictator that Bush supported in his dictatorship over the CIA to show that dictatorship is wrong? To dictate American policies on a third world nation that hates the U.S. Or to prove that Bush is not a wimp? Sounds like Lyndon B. Johnson's reasoning for escalating Vietnam.

What has Bush done about Eastern Europe? Given money... the American solution to everything.

But then there is Dan Quayle's encouraging the now dead Cold War while advocating all to join the National Guard unit of choice just in case we resume fighting in Vietnam.

The big loser Michael Dukakis must now be saying to himself, "I can't believe I lost to those guys!"

I can't complain too much. At least Tipper Gore has shut up.

Peter Murphy: Deep

by Eric Greenwood
staff writer

About seven years ago the quintessential gothic band Bauhaus dismantled to pursue solo projects. Guitarist Daniel Ash and drummer Kevin Haskins formed the extension of the Bauhaus gothic music with Tones On Tail. Bass player David J recorded several solo projects and worked with The Jazz Butcher. This left vocalist Peter Murphy without a band.

Since then David J rejoined Daniel Ash and Kevin Haskins to form Love and Rockets. Peter Murphy went on to record two disappointing solo albums being drowned by the success of Love and Rockets; however,

Murphy has returned with a strong third solo album *Deep*.

Deep introduces Murphy's new band The Hundred Men which backs him up on the album. The album consists of Teri Bryant (drums), Peter Bonas (guitars), Eddie Branch (bass guitar), and Paul Statham, who is Murphy's co-writer on many of the songs on keyboards and guitars.

The album itself represents Murphy's thin line between good and evil as seen on such cuts as "Deep Ocean," "Vast Sea" and "Seven Veils." The best tracks on the album, "Cuts You Up" and "A Strange Kind of Love," show

Murphy's true potential as a solo artist. Murphy's distinct dirge-like vocals, which were established with Bauhaus, give the album many dark images and overtones. Yet cuts like "Shy" and "The Line Between the Devil's Teeth" show a more positive side to Murphy which seems contradictory to his musical background. The closing songs "Roll Call" and "Roll Call (reprise)" end the album on an upbeat and powerful note.

Although *Deep* is superior to *Should the World Fall to Fall Apart...* and *Love Hysteria*, Peter Murphy will never be able to compete with the true musical genius of Bauhaus.

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Nerd Bowl '90

by Kevin Kruse

staff writer

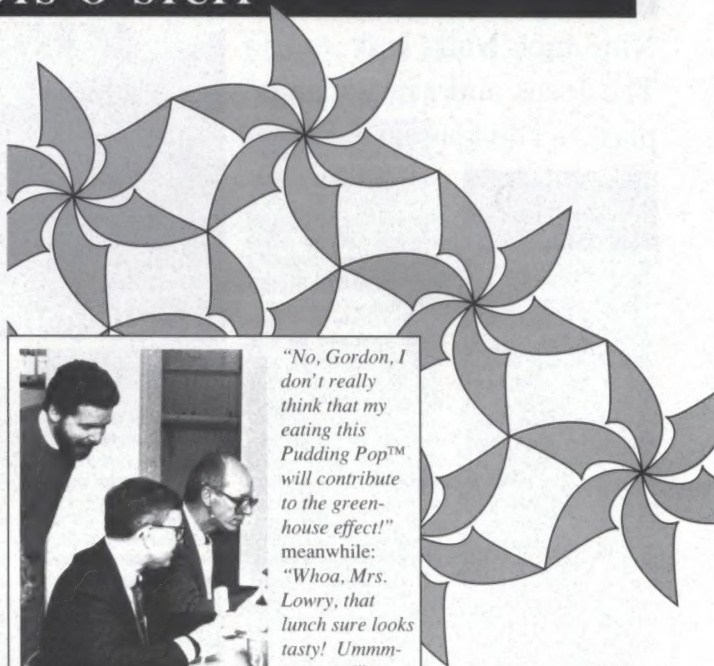
On Saturday, April 17, a multitude of young minds from such prestigious schools as White's Creek, Cheatam County, Hixson County, and a countless horde of other academic giants came to MBA to compete in the 1990 United States Academic Decathlon. Nerd Bowl. A competition with more hype than Bud Bowl II and bigger rivalries than the '83 Pan-American Games in Lima, Peru.

MBA students, who had prepared almost three hours for the event, combatting against students who had been in training for two years in hopes of winning the coveted "Nerd Cup". As the groggy Big Red team stumbled into Wallace Hall planning ways to be disqualified early, the other schools were reviewing their game plan and quizzing each other on the in-depth topics. The other teams, whom spectator David Haslam compared to a Star Trek Convention, made Jeopardy contestants look like Hell's Angels. Soon the tests were underway. The Social Science test covered the 1920's, a period that approximately 1/3 of the MBA team had learned about and the Math test was over slope and distance and other things we'd all forgotten. Next came the Fine Arts test, which

Mauro "Music" Mastrapasqua did poorly on because he "knew too much". After a feeding frenzy at Mr. Gatti's came the Science test and the Literature test, for which I was penalized roughly 40 points on each for "light shading" of my answer sheet. The testing was capped off by the Economics test, which MBA hit rock-bottom in.

The days festivities were climaxed by the world-famous Super Quiz™, a fear-some spectacle of nerd-power. After Bill Sastry was disqualified for steroid use and David Lott fouled out for a comma splice, the MBA team buckled down but to no avail. Hal Jones' brain exploded on a particularly difficult question. I drew a technical as I shouted advice to Sharpe Belote to "be the ball" and summarily got into a fistfight with the Tyner School coach. The benches cleared and a brawl ensued. Luckily, "Iron Mike" Basu was on our side and quickly decimated their ranks. We still lost amid orgasmic cries of excitement from our country counterparts.

We left thoroughly shaken, hoping to salvage the weekend with some form of festivity, as the victors rode home mapping out their strategies for '91. Maybe we'll study next year.... Nah.



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SPORTS

Varsity Basketball ends "a fine season"

by Patrick Hale

staff reporter

Because of an excellent start this year of 11 wins and 5 losses, the MBA varsity basketball team had hopes for placing high in its respective district.

After losing a grudge match to Pearl-Cohn 52-36 at home for the sixth loss of the season, the Big Red began to roll as it went on a three game tear. In the first game MBA pummeled Overton 65-51 in a crucial district contest by enforcing intense defensive pressure. Alex Waddey scored a game high 24 points while making 3 steals, and Joe Underwood scorched the nets with 70% shooting from the field as he gathered 12 rebounds.

Next, in MBA's final district game, the Big Red

played closely with Hillwood before pulling out 55-51 win with clutch free throws coming from Underwood and Walter Southwood. Waddey dished out 6 assists.

The following afternoon saw the Blue Tornado of McCallie storm Brownlee O'Currey Gymnasium, but McCallie ended up being the only thing that was blown away, as MBA chalked up a W with a 87-71 win that saw Richard Arendale as the key performers hitting two 3-pointers and having 11 total points. Waddey led all scores with 16 points, and Taylor Mayes scored 14 points while grabbing 8 boards.

Three days later MBA was brought down to earth with an agonizing 79-75 loss to Antioch. Lack of defensive rebounding by MBA com-

bined with the quickness of the Bears to burn the Big Red. Mayes and Waddey both scored 18 points as Alden Smith was good for 16 points, and Tate McDaniel chipped in 10 points.

Then, on February 16, MBA traveled to Franklin and bounced back with a 87-65 win over BGA. Mayes win-dexed the glass with 12 rebounds and shot an unlimited amount of 3-point baskets as he scored 22 points. Underwood thrashed the opposing team with 20 points while Smith dumped in 13 points. Waddey tamed the wildcats with 6 assists and 4 steals.

The next game, Alden Smith and Richard Arendale's final home appearance concluded with MBA beating Glencliff 52-51 on a pair of Waddey free-

throws with one second remaining in double overtime. Spectators of this game observed the Big Red strategically attacking the Colts with a balanced offensive arsenal.

To end the regular season play, MBA saw its varsity team journey to Hendersonville to challenge Beech. The Red were met with a hostile crowd, and the Buccaneers proved to be too powerful as MBA was sent home with a loss. The defeat of the Red involved such highlights as the outstanding execution of the designated fouler position by Hunter Connelly. With this loss MBA ended the regular season having won twice as many games as lost, leaving a record of 16 W 8 L.

The district tournament found MBA matched against

Hillwood, a team they had already beaten twice this season. The Red came to play, but they couldn't quite pull things together as they came up short and suffered the loss that ended their district tournament play and 89-90 season.

The final game proved to be a disappointment, but it ended a fine season for MBA basketball which was led by coaches Joe Thoni and Ken Downey and saw contributions from Chris Vlahos, Hunter Connelly, Alex Waddey, Taylor Mayes, Charlie Williams, Walter Southwood, Brian Norment, Tate McDaniel, Joe Underwood, John Underwood, John Schlansker, co-captains Richard Arendale and Alden Smith, and managers Ron Cantrell and Randy Tidwell.



Alex Waddey puts up the shot as Taylor Mayes gets ready for the rebound.



A guy in an ugly striped short-sleeve golf shirt regards George Clements twisting some guy Franklin Road Academy

Riflery wins second in State

by Jarratt Bell

reporter

The MBA Riflery Team started preparing for the 1990 season in late November expecting a good season despite the loss of four seniors, three of whom were starters.

Facing competition such as David Lipscomb, Battle Ground Academy, Harpeth

Hall, Hillsboro, and Franklin Road Academy, the MBA team knew that winning would not come easily.

Coached by former MBA parent Steve James, who volunteers his efforts, the four starters Eric

Falk, Richard Fitzgerald, David Moroney, and Charles Nichols led MBA into third place behind FRA and first place Lipscomb in the opening meet.

The second match ended

with MBA as the victors finishing ten points ahead of a strong Lipscomb team. Charles Nichols also got second place individual. The next time MBA met in competition the team shot three points better than Lipscomb, led by first place in-

dividual Richard Fitzgerald, to win what was a heated match.

On March 3, the team of Fitzgerald, Nichols, Greg Parker, Moroney, took second place at the state meet, under David Lipscomb.

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Varsity Tracksters start new season

by Casey Jones

staff reporter

On March 16, 1990 the MBA track team began its season with a meet against the Hill-wood Hilltoppers. After several weeks of intense training the Big Red tracksters felt prepared for the beginning of a productive season. The meet, which saw fine performances by both the field event and running competitors, was dominated by the all around strength of the Big Red squad.

Leading the team were Renard Francois and Adin Lara in both the shot and discus. In addition, Taylor Mayes and John Dunkerly had personal best performances in the high jump. The long jump squad of Alex Waddey and Brian Norment coupled with the strong performances of Chad Weaver and in the pole vault gave MBA a strong lead heading into the running events.

On the track, the Big Red continued its winning ways with strong performances by

both the sprinters and the distance crew. Alex Waddey turned in very strong performances in the 100, 200, 110 high hurdles and the 300 intermediated hurdles. MBA's sprint relay teams also produced outstanding results. The 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 teams comprised in various combinations of Keith McCarty, Cabot Hyde, Chad Weaver Alden Smith, Jarrett Bell, and Brian Norment emerged victorious.

The distance crew likewise turned in outstanding performances. Keith Ikard won both the 1600 and 3200 meter races while Roy Alley set personal records in his one and two mile races. George Rietz ran very well finishing third in the 1600 and fourth in the 3200.

This year should prove to be a very productive season for the 1990 Big Red track team, for the squad has strength in all areas. Come out and support the Big Red in its quest for the Region title.

Varsity Wrestling final

by Luke Davis

staff reporter

Mr. Gaither likes to tell a story about a group of seventh graders who were first beginning wrestling. In their first match, they wrestled atrociously, losing to Northside 72-0 and leading Coach Gaither to wonder if they would come to practice the following day. They did, and, improving steadily, they won the H.V.A.C. tournament the following year. Six years later, as seniors, they became the 1990 Region Champions, qualifying a record eleven wrestlers to the state tournament. Everyone loves a Cinderella story, but not everyone knows of the long hours of hard work, starving, and sacrifice it takes to achieve wrestling success. Every goal that this year's wrestling team set, they not only achieved, but in many cases surpassed.

On February 9, the Big Red entered the Region tournament a slight favorite despite their lacking an injured Dan Brooks. This injury was soon forgotten, as eleven wrestlers reached the semifinals and MBA took a first

day lead. Six advanced to the finals, but David Trainer was disqualified for "slamming" an opponent to whom he was obviously superior, as the 9-2 score showed. In the consolation, he went on to place third, as did Brett Sanders.

Lance Carney, Spencer Leek, and Sam Bartholomew all placed an outstanding fourth. In the finals, C.B. Harwell, Martin Roberts, and George Clements all wrestled excellently, but came up just short, winning second place. John Bass also scored second place when he was forced to retire due to an injured shoulder.

Barry Downer soundly defeated his opponent to earn the title Region Champion. Perhaps the most exciting bout, however, was Billy Crawford's downing of his Ryan opponent in a match which was judged the best of the tournament. The real reward for the wrestlers, though, was winning the Region Championship for the first time ever.

In Chattanooga the following week, the best in the state gathered to battle it out.

MBA did very well in the early rounds and in the consolation, placing among the best dozen teams in the state. Individually, Trainer placed an impressive third, Downer earned fourth with a spectacular pin of his McGavock rival, and Harwell placed an excellent sixth. In addition, Trainer was named to the *Nashville Banner* Midstate Dream Team and Barry Downer was named to *The Tennessean* All-Midstate Team. Several other Big Red grapplers got honorable mention on both teams.

To start a wrestling dynasty, it often takes several great seasons. This year's team has certainly met this prerequisite, which will hopefully be continued with dedicated wrestlers and alumni support. Though this year's six seniors will be sorely missed, returning starters and hard-working backups like Albrect, Baker, Butler, E. Crawford, Davis, Frazier, Hammon, Heiser, LaGrone, Proctor, Rodgers, Shim, Szydlo, and Weldon, will continue the MBA winning tradition.



Sean Murphy pursues his Hill-wood opponent while Justin Maestas walks around.



Keith Ikard, in standard issue "Harpeth Valley" MBA uniform, leads the pack into the 1600-meter run.

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